NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY KNOWS NO DISTRICT LEADERS AND WANTS TO KNOW NONE.

Says There'll Be No Pigeonholed Indictments While He Is in Office -All Complains to Walcome Col. Gardiner Decides to Yield Gracefully, and His Staff Will Help New Man as Long as He Wants.

There will be no change in the working staff of the District Attorney's office to-Gardiner will be there as usual and await official notification of his removal by Gov. Roosevelt. After two protracted conferences yesterday, between Col. Gardiner and the members of his staff, it was decided that all the subordinates of the deposed official should continue to perform their duties until relieved by Eugene A. Philbin. the new appointee, or until a time when their resignations would not be detrimental to the public service. Mr. Philbin will not take hold of the office for a day or two as he has not yet received his formal appointment and has not yet resigned his

place on the State Board of Charities. There was a disposition on the part of some of the members of Col. Gardiner's staff to resign in a body as a protest against the removal of their chief, but the cooler heads prevailed. For some time the possibility of resisting the removal in the courts was considered, but it was concluded that

this was hopeless. Mr. Philbin, who lives at 333 West Seventyseventh street, was at his home all day yesterday and he found that his new honor was already beginning to cause him trouble. Right after breakfast his doorbell began to ring and there was a stream of visitors all day. A great many of the callers came to congratulate him on his appointment and enough applicants for jobs turned up before noon to fill every place in the District Attorney's office even if every one of the present occupants were pitched out. Most of the place hunters seemed to think that Mr. Philbin would go down to the office to-day and put everybody out and they all wanted to get in on the ground floor. Among the callers was a relative of one of Col. Gardiner's clerks. The relative wanted the assurance that the clerk would not be removed. Mr. Philbin assured his visitor that if the clerk knew his business and stuck to it he would be safe.

This is practically the position Mr. Philbin took with reference to all the places. When he was asked if he expected to make any changes in the staff he said:

"I have no prejudices against any one.
I am going into office entirely unpledged. If the men who now hold places there can do their work properly and can be trusted, they will be retained. If they cannot, they will be removed and proper men will be put in their places. There is going to be no politics in the administration of the office. I don't know any district leaders, Democratic or Republican, and I don't want to know any. They will have no more influence than any other citizen I want all citizens. no matter who they are, to understand that they are welcome to come to the District Attorney with any complaints of infractions of the law, and that these complaints will be attended to. Everything is to be open. There are going to be no pigeon-holed indictments When I retire from the office, to accept which I am making a financial sacrifice. I may be unpopular, but I want to have a record of which my sons will be proud. I expect to model my official career after that of Gov Roosevelt as Police Commissioner and of Col. Waring as Street Cleaning Com-

Mr. Philbin was asked what course he Mr. Frindin was asked what course he intended to pursue in his treatment of gambling houses and disorderly houses, and whether or not he expected to take an actual part in the crusade against vice. In answer, he said that he had formed no plans on that subject and that he had not given it much the with.

"My policy," he continued, "will be determined later. If the Committee of Fifteen or the Tammany Committee of Five bring any matters to my attention they will receive the same consideration as I will accord to any citizen or group of citizens. It has been said that I am hostile to the liquor business. This is not true. The liquor business is regulated by the law, and the men engaged in it have a right to protection just as men engaged in other lawful businesses have. Those who violate the law will be prosecuted."

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Mr. Philbin explained his having a type-written account of his life in his pocket when he received the report of his appointment by wire at the Manhattan Club by saying that he had received an intimation that he might be appointed to succeed Justice Beekman, an honor which was conferred on John Proctor Clarke instead. In expectation of this he had prepared the account of his life for the newspapers.

"My appointment," he said, "was a surprise to me. I had expected the other place. The appointment was unsolicited by friends or politicians, although I have been assured that it is not distasteful to the Republican organization. Gov. Roosevelt and I have been close personal friends since my appointment on the State Board of Charities, and this new honor is purely personal from the Governor. While I am a Democrat, I have not voted the Democratic ticket since Mr. Cleveland ran for the Presidency the last time. I voted for McKinley in 1886 and would have voted for him the last time but for the fact that I changed my residence shortly before the election. I voted for the election of Justice Daly. I made speeches for Mayor Strong in 1884, and in 1897 I supported Seth Low I was appointed to the State Board of Charities in August, 1899, for a term of eight years. I have not yet resigned, but I will do so on the receipt of the formal announcement of my appointment as District Attorney. In the meantime, I presume, Mr. McIntyre will be the acting District Attorney. In the meantime, I presume, Mr. McIntyre will be the acting District Attorney. In the meantime, I presume, Mr. McIntyre will be the acting District Attorney. According to Mr. McIntyre, who was delegated to speak for Col. Gardiner and the others interested, there was also present a constitutional lawyer whose opinion was desired as to whether there was a chance to fight the removal in the courts. At this conference it was decided that it was useless, but it was deemed best to h

The second confab was set for 5 o'clock and word was sent to all those who had not been present at the morning meeting. They all got around on time, but none of them had all got around on time, but none of them had the but none of them had the second of anything to say. Col. Gardiner stuck close to the club and was entirely invisible. The club was closed to reporters.

At 7 o'clock, Mr. McIntyre came out and told the reporters what had been done and the feeling that existed among his fellows.

"We have all decided," he said, "that the staff shall stay as long as Mr. Philbin shall wish. There was a strong sentiment among some of the Assistant District Attorneys for resigning in a body. I opposed this on the ground that it would be manifestly improper. Now I am frank to confess that I am heartily in sympathy with Col. Gardiner. I am loval to him to the fullest extent and I think that his removal was an outrage without any defence, but at the same time, I realize that we owe a duty to the public as well as to Col. Gardiner and to the party. That duty forbids us to leave our places and put New York at the mercy of the criminal classes. It takes time to educate the officials of that office. They are educated at the expense of the public and for us to leave and throw all the work of prosecuting criminals on a lot of untried men would result in a large number of criminals going free to the detriment of the city. So it was that after talking it over we decided to remain. My resignation is at the disposal of Mr. Philbin whenever he desires it and I believe I speak for the others when I say the same thing for them.

"The purpose of our talks to-day was not only to decide what should be our action. anything to say. Col. Gardiner stuck close to the club and was entirely invisible. The

Grand Central Station of the New York Central ith a through train every hour. Reservations made month in advance. Trains at all hours. See time

in this matter, but also to see if it would not be advisable to fight the removal in the courts. We had in conference some of the best lawyers in the city and went over the whole subject, but it was their opinion that Coldardine's had best submit gracefully to the subject, but it was their opinion that Coldardine's had best submit gracefully to the subject, but it was their opinion that Coldardine's had best submit gracefully to the other in the will turn over shell desire.

"Mr Philbin will take hold of the office at a time when there is exceptionally heavy work to be done. I don't know of any District Attorney who has had a bigger job since Martine went in confronted by the bootle Aldermen cases. This is not because of the routine, for there are only 300 cases to be tried. When Coldardine took over the office there were over 2,200 cases on hand. The chief difficulty lies in the number of difficult cases that will or may come up for retrial. These include the Molineux. Rennedy and Zagouras murder cases and the Grahams Pollev perjury case.

One of the Assistant District Attorneys Club; is to say last night at the Manhattan Cold. Gardiner is still District Attorney and he will be until he receives official notice of his removal. He will be at his office Monday morning at 9 o'clock to receive that notice. Mr Philbin cannot become District Attorney until he has resigned his present office, taken an oath of office before a Supreme Court Justice and flied the certificate of his appointment with the County Clerk. In case he does not qualify for several days after Col. Gardiner's removal they must appoint a District Attorney will meet and by the authority of the Public Officers' act, appoint a District Attorney in case his meet and by the authority of the Public Officers act, appoint a District Attorney for the nembers of his staff and some others the assistant who has been longest in the service and in case there are several whose terms are quality must appoint the senior in years. Their, referring to the conferences

PLATT ON ROOSEVELT'S CHOICE.

Sanator Platt had a few words to say vester. day at the Fifth Avenue Hotel concerning the appointment of John Proctor Clarke to be a Supreme Court Justice to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Henry

Debt Paid to Clarke - Party Will Stand by

Philbin if He Enforces the Laws.

"I suppose," said Mr Platt, "the Governor believed he had a debt to pay As to the appointment of Eugene A. Phi bin to be District Attorney, Senator Platt

"If Mr. Philbin enforces the law agains all offenders, he will have the support of the

Republican organization." Mr. Philbin is a Gold Democrat. He is the personal counsel of the Hon. John D. Crimmins. Many anti-Tammany Democrathave declared that Mr. Crimmins would make a fine anti-Tammany candidate for Mayor next autumn.

DOG AND GOAT IN A FIGHT. That His Owner Killed Him.

PATERSON, Dec. 23 -A fine St. Bernard dog belonging to James McCann of Stony road had a fight to a finish with a billy goat yesterday afternoon on the dumps, in full view of a lot of skaters on the river. The goat was browsing among the rubbish on the dumping ground when the dog came across it. Billy resented the manner in which the dog sniffed around him and poising himself on his hind feet he butted the dog in the ribs, sending him to the ground. This aroused the fighting blood of the dog and he charged upon the goat, but again recoiled from the butting he got. The dog then changed his tactics. He made a spring ntended to carry him over the goat's horns, but Billy saw him coming and instead of rising on his hind legs he planted his four

rising on his hind legs he planted his four legs firmly and lowered his head. When the dog made the leap he went further than he expected to, for Billy raised his head and catching the dog underneath he threw the big animal clear over his body, at the same time goring him badly.

The St Bernard dog was game and, although he yelped with pain, he returned to the attack. Billy stood stock still. The dog did not spring again, but he charged on the goat again and again, but always with the same result and each time receiving a new wound from Billy's horns. It was a one-sided contest all the way through. The sides of the dog were torn terribly. A big crowd of skaters tried to separate them, but this was impossible until the dog was hardly able to stand. Some of the men got long poles and tried to chase off the goat, while others dragged the dog away. Billy charged the interferers several times. After the dog had been reduced to a state of helplessness the goat did not attack him, but stood near him, with legs firmly planted and head lowered, as if inviting his adversary to come on. Finally the men drove the goat off and he scampered away over the dumps, apparently unhurt. The dog was taken home to his owner, who had to kill him to put him out of pain.

SMITH'S COMPLIMENTS TO SHEEHAN.

tions With Croker Is Not True. tary to the Hon Richard Croker, dropped in at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday on his

at the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday on his way from the Horatio Seymour Club to the Democratic Club.

"This morning's papers contained a statement from John C Sheehan in regard to his relations with Mr Croker," said Mr. Smith "Mr Sheehan's name was not signed to it, nor was he quoted in it, but it bore internal evidence of coming from him. It was anonymous That is Sheehanism. It cannot be nailed down to any one. That also is Sheehanism. The one thing in it, however, which convinces me that it came from Sheehan is that it is untrue. That is the essence of Sheehanism."

Latest Marine Intelligence. Arrived: Sa Jaffa, Taifor, St. Lucia, Dec. 16 Georgiana, Parker, Herpool, Dec. 12: Ss. Alta Morris, Port Limon, Dec. 15

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Travellers by Trade

MEET PEACE ENVOYSTO-DAY

MINISTERS WILL PRESENT THE DE-MANDS ON CHINA.

Spanish Legation in Pekin Chosen for First Meeting - Missionaries Collecting Indomnity and Levying Pines -Mr. Ament of the American Board Defends His Action.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. From a Staff Correspondent. PERIN, Dec. 22.- The joint note containng the demands of the Powers has at last been signed by the various representatives, and the Chinese Commissioners, Li Hung

Chang and Prince Ching, have been notified

that it will be presented to them at the Spanish legation on Monday morning. Those, who are closest to the Chinese predict that an agreement will be reached within two weeks. The Chinese Commissioners , have notified the Ministers that their credentials from the Empress Dowager have been perfected by the attachment of the Imperial seal, which

was left in the Imperial city when the Court

fled from the capital. The Rev. Mr. Ament of the American Board of Foreign Missions has returned from a trip which he made for the purpose of collecting indemnities for damages done by Boxers. Everywhere he went he compelled the Chinese to pay. He says that all his native Christians are now provided for. He had 700 of them under his charge and 800 were killed. He has collected 300 taels for each of these murders, and has compelled full payment for all the property belonging to Christians that was destroyed. He also assessed fines amounting to thirteen times the amount of the indemnity. This money will be used for the propagation of the Gospel. After paying all the damages Mr. Ament has 7,000 tack left, which will be devoted to the support of 100 Chinese widows and their children.

Mr. Ament declares that the compensation he has collected is moderate when compared with the amount secured by the Catholics, who demand, in addition to money, head for head. They collect 500 taels for each murder of a Catholic. In the Wenchiu country 680 Catholics were killed and for this the European Catholics here demand 750,000 strings of cash and 680 heads.

In the course of a conversation Mr. Ament referred to the attitude of the missionaries toward the Chinese. He said: "I deny emphatically that the missionaries are vindictive, that they generally looted or that that they have done anything since the siege that the circumstances did not demand I criticise the Americans. The soft hand of the Americans is not as good as the mailed fist of the Germans. If you deal with the Chinese with a soft hand they will take advantage of it.

Mr. Ament reports, however, that the Chinese are friendly to the Americans. He states that at the town of Shani a force of Germans held up the head man on Dec. 20, banged his head and demanded 3,000 taels and a number of mules and carts. Mr. Ament interceded in behalf of the head man and the Germans were finally satisfied with 600 taels. all the official had. The Germans came from Shanhaikwan. On the trip they had collected 2,000 tacls, besides provisions, mules and carts

PERIN, Dec. 23.-The question of the seizure by the Germans of the Pekin clubbouse and property belonging thereto has been referred to the Ministers of all the jowers for settlement. The value of the seized property is 300,000 taels. The clubhouse was the only meeting place for foreigners. Before the seige Baron von Ketteler, the German Minister, who was subsequently murdered, plete house was looted to repair the German legation. Though the clubhouse is not used now Field Marshal Count von Waldersee refuses to surrender it or to pay for the ma-terial that was looted. This is one example of the high-handed way in which the Germans are carrying things here. The Ministers will consider the matter because all the for-

eigners are interested in it. The statement that the French Government will return the loot taken by the French soldiers, with the exception of munitions of war, is the source of the greatest amusement here. The French soldiers were more systematic looters than the Germans, and the posse approached the burglars opened is a fact that to-day Catholic Christians, carrying French flags and armed with modern guns, are looting villages in the Province of Chili.

HONOR FOR SHENG.

Chinese Court Appoints Him Sub-Director of the Imperial Clan Court.

From & Staff Correspondent.

SHANGHAL, Dec. 23 - Director of Railways and Telegraphs Sheng has been appointed Sub-Director of the Imperial Clan Court This appointment will not oblige him to leave Shanghai. The place is a sinecure, and is only a mark of imperial favor. Sheng reports that the illness of Li Hung

Chang is slight, and that the physician of the German legation is attending him. The famous Ningpo joss-house case in the French settlement here has been settled by compromise. The French Municipal Council desired to build a road, and claimed the right to cut the highway through a cemetery. To this the Chinese strenuously objected. The case was settled by Viceroy Liu Kun Yih's American deputy, Mr. Ferguson.

MACDONALD STILL ALIVE.

Frank H. Morris.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 -Samuel MacDonald who killed Frank H. Morris, Auditor for the War Department, yesterday is still alive to-The surgeons of Emergency Hos pital, who removed the bullet with which the murderer tried to kill himself, think he may live. He has expressed the hope he may die. Some sympathy is expressed for MacDonald, who through a long service here has made many friends, some of whom called at the hospital to-day and left word they would help him if he lives. He has always helped members of his family from his earnings, having paid for the musical education of his brother, Walter MacDonald, the singer, now with the Bostonians. MacDonald's friends say he was driven from his place as disbursing clerk under Auditor Morris last February by the latter, who was called a hard taskmaster. This is not a popular thing here among Government clerks and MacDonald has had the sympathy of many who knew some of the circumstances of his removal last spring.

His friends were horrified at his revenge and say they had no idea he had such feeling toward the man he said was the cause of his humiliation. He was a personal friend of Secretary Edwin M. Stanton who came from Steubenville, Ohio, MacDonald's home. pital, who removed the bullet with which

(RICAGO, Dec. 23.-Policeman Timothy Riordan of the West Chicago avenue police station shot and instantly killed Edward Dunaven, a highwayman, late last night. Dunaven was trying to escape after robbing John Danenmann of \$12. Dunaven is the second highwayman shot dead within a week. "Red" Corbett was killed by Officer Grady last Tuesday at Aberdeen avenue and Polk streets. Before Riordan shot Dunaven the man had fired several shots at him, one grazing his head.

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CLUE TO THE KIDNAPPERS. Pat Crowe Identified From a Pictur - Woman

With Him an Old Pal. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 23 .- The police are now ready to advise the offering of a big reward for Pat Crowe as they are convinced that

he rented the house where Eddie Cudahy was kept a prisoner and that he abducted the millionaire's son. Pat Crowe's wife is in Omaha though clearly trying to shield her husband, her

own statements practically satisfy the police that when they catch him they will have earned the \$25,000 reward. Edward Cudahy now entertains the ame opinion and it is probable that a large reward

will be offered for the arrest and delivery in Omaha of Crowe. The police this evening found an Omaha man who identified a picture of Pat Grove as the man who rented the old house used by the robbers. The man begged the police

to withhold his name until after Crowe was arrested for fear of the consequences. He is certain as to the identity of the man. The picture of Crowe was taken from the local Rougue's gallery and the citizen says he cannot be mistaken Eddie Cudahy says the picture looks much

ike one of the men who caught him, and Chief of Police Donahue is now satisfied they have practically cleared up the mysterry. The police have identified the woman who

was seen with the man who rented the house and Lillie Devins, a confidence woman, who figured with Crowe in the sensational robbery at Denver in 1893.

Edward Johnston, a former employee of the Cudahy Packing Company, was arrested today on suspicion of being one of the kidnappers. He answered the description of one of the men seen around the house and it was learned that he had been around the robbers' den. For a time the police thought they had earned the reward, for the man was positively identified by the neighbors and he admitted that he had been to the house several times. When it was learned that he had been there to rent it and had been at his work every day last week and at home every night, he was released.

The police followed another clue which ocated two mysterious men at the Paxton Hotel One man, who closely answers the description of one of the kindappers, stopped there for four days last week with another man, who, however, does not answer the description of any one seen around the kidnappers' house. The last seen of the blonde man was late on Wednesday night, when he came into the hotel carrying a big black satchel, which he lugged with evident effort. He paid his bill and disappeared with the heavy satchel It is thought that he took one of the through trains for Denver and the police are looking for him.

PIGHT WITH PANK BURGLARS. of Citizens Compels Surrender-One Wounded on Each Side.

MONTFORD, Wis . Dec. 23 -A burglar, giving his name as Henry Kennedy, and a citizen named William Henke were shot during a pitched battle between bank robbers and a osse of citizens to-day. For half an hour there was a flerce fight, during which twenty or more shots were fired, the burglars Anally surrendering.

Four men entered the private bank of P. T. Stevens at 2 o'clock this morning and tried to reach the \$35,000 that was stored in the safe. A charge of nitro-glycerine was inserted and caused a loud explosion. The report awakened H. J. Doran, who saw that there was a light in the bank and summoned a crowd of his neighbors. While the posse was organizing there were two more explosions, and asked for the use of one room, in which he when the citizens made a run for the bank the desired to lodge soldiers. His request was burglars left. The door of the safe had been

Seeing that they could not finish the the burglars left by the rear windows, from which the bars had been pried off. The men made their way to the depot, where they had a handcar in waiting, and on this they made their escape down the road to a point three miles west of Ridgeway. There the burglars tumbled the car down a steep embankment and made their way to a vacant railroad barn. After the burglars had escaped from Montford Doran and six citizens armed with rifles got another handcar and followed the thieves.

They found the abandoned handcar and from there tracked the men to the barn. As fire on the farmers. The thieves were stationed in the loft of the barn and warned the men to retire, but they were resolute and rushed for the barn and took it by storm During the scrimmage twenty or more shots were exchanged and William Henke was shot in the leg. Henry Kennedy, one of the burglars, was wounded in the thigh. The burglars surrendered in order that their wounded pal might get medical treatment. Neither Kennedy or Henke will die.

CARTRIDGE ON THE CAR TRACK.

When a Car Exploded It the Bullet Went Through a Man's Het Half a Block Away.

A Second avenue trolley car ran over a Krag-Jorgenson rifle cartridge at Thirty-eighth and ploughed through his scalp without walk unconscious, but revived after a doctor, who happened to be in the crowd attracted by the explosion, had dressed the vance. The Boers retired in confusion. wound. He assured the crowd that the man

was not seriously hurt. The motorman of the car, whose curiosity to see what had happened had got the better of the motorman's habit to get out of the way when anything happens, kept his car standing at Thirty-eighth street till the excitement was over and then Kaplin got aboard with him and rode downtown. Kaplin lives at 51 Monroe street.

Policeman Burns of the East Thirty-fifth street station found the shattered cartridge shell on the track. He reported to his sergeant that it had been placed there by "some boy or boys, unknown, for a joke."

MILFORD HOTEL /URNED.

Their Personal Property. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 23. Park Hote

n Milford was burned at 7 o'clock this evening The hotel was full of guests and many es caped by jumping from windows. No one was killed or badly injured. Most of the furniture on the first floor was saved, but the personal property of the guests was lost. The stables, valued at \$5,000, were saved. The hotel, including furniture, was valued at about \$25,000.

URIED IN POITER'S FIELD J. W. McRay of New York died Suddenly in

St. Louts, Mo. Dec. 23 .- J. W. McRay of New York city was found dead in his bed on Friday in a room at the Cherokee Hotel and was buried in Potter's Field, the disease which carried him off being of a contagious nature. To-day a local undertaker received a telegram from New York, directing him to take charge of the body and have it buried in a local cemetery. McRay's mother, who

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BOERS ARE SOUTH OF DE AAR NOW IN CAPE COLONY.

Britstown Occupied - Kitchener Organizing Extra Force to Check the Invasion - Says Boers Have Received Little Assistance From Colonists Reports Boers Driven From the Magaliesberg West of Pretoria.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. London, Dec. 23.—The War Office has received the following despatches from Gen.

Kitchener: "PRETORIA, mid-day, Dec. 22.-So far as is possible to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot. I think that the Boer movement in Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces which entered the eastern part of the Colony one is still northward of the Zoutspanberg range The western one has been turned in the direction of Britstown and Prieska. Our troops are getting round both of these bodies. column is also being organzied which will be ready to be despatched immediately as soon as I know where their services are most

'The Boers have not received very much seistance in Cape Colony so far as my information goes. We have armed some colonists. They are assisting our force. "Railway and telegraph communication

has been much interrupted by the weather, which has been very bad. Gen De Wet is in the neighborhood of Senekal." PRETORIA, 9:30 P. M., Dec. 22.-The western column of Boers occupied Britstown

to-day and cut the railway south of De Aar They are being followed up." Gen. Kitchener also reports under date of Dec. 22 that Gen. French engaged Beyer's and Delarey's commandos on Dec. 20 and 21 south of the Magallesberg range, inflicting considerable loss and capturing Com-mandant Kreuse and others. The Boers retreated southward with the British in

pursuit. He further reports skirmishes at

Blakfontein and Olifants Nek on Dec. 21, the Boers retiring after losing several men. London, Dec. 24. - The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, in the course of a long despatch representing the situation in the Cape Colony as being most serious, says that the invaders are roaming over an immense tract of country round De Aar, destroying the telegraph lines and menacing the railway. There is little inclination on the part of the inhabitants to bar their progress. It is not known yet to what extent residents of the colony are assisting the commandos but the latter are known to be collecting large numbers of light, fast vehicles to ex-

pedite their movements. The uneasiness regarding the attitude of the rural Dutch toward the Boers has been increased by the discovery that during the past two months public bodies in remote places have made requisitions for supplies f dynamite, presumably for public puroses. Efforts are now being made by the Colonial Government to recover the explosive. The Government recently recalled arge supplies of arms and ammunition stored at various centres. It is significant that the contents of the ammunition magazines n the neighborhood of Cape Town and even in Cape Town itself are being removed to the military headquarters in the city. Additional precautions have been taken against possible attempts to release the Boer prisoners in the neighborhood of Cape Town.

Responsible politicians and commercial men are impressing on the Government the urgency of making martial law general throughout the colony, and it is reported that this will shortly be done. There are good reasons for believing that the whole colony is rebeladvantages in a suspension of the Constitution for five years. Many Parliamentary Progressives strongly favor this course, believing that therein lies the salvation of the country and that it would be the most expeditious method of pacification. The leading Loyalists are of the opinion that England fails to appreciate the danger to which the colony is exposed owing to the recrudescence of Boer

BOERS DRIVEN FROM MAGALIESBERG. Three Days' Hard Fighting in the Hills Wes of Pretoria.

Special Cable Desputches to THE SUN From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Pretoria. PRETORIA, Dec. 23.—Gen. Clements, op-erating in combination with Gen. French, has cleared the Boers out of the Magalies berg Range. The fighting was continuous from Dec. 19 to Dec. 22. Before Gen. French's arrival Gen. Clements was hotly engaged near Hekpoort, the Boers holding a line of konies with five guns and a pompom. Under cover of an effective fire from J Battery, the Eighth Battery and a 4.7 gun, the British forces advanced and after four hours' fight-

lost twenty killed. Several of them were buried by the British. Col. Cookson, with a small force of Kitchener's Horse, the Second Mounted Infantry street last night and exploded it. The bullet and a section of J Battery, took Yeomanry went through the hat of Bernard Kaplin, who was half a block away on the avenue and the Border Regiment drove in the centre of the Boer line. Gen. Allerson's mounted breaking the skull Kaplin fell to the side- infantry attacked and took a formidable kopje on the left, from which two guns and a pompom had contested the British ad-

ing took the whole position, with sixteer

casualties, including two killed. The Boers

On Dec. 20 the combined force advanced on Boschfontein, but the Boers had departed, a number of them going north and the remainder southwest. On Dec. 21 a number of the Boers were seen retiring with their guns. They were shelled.

The 300 British prisoners who were captured by the Boers at Nooitgedacht and subsequently released have rejoined Gen. Clements who is now encamped three miles northwest

of Oliphant's Nek. Gen French had a sharp action on Dec. 19 with a Boer force near Boschfontein. He attacked and repulsed them with loss and

oined Gen. Clements in the afternoon NO PASSENGERS TO KIMBERLEY. Mail Train From Cape Town Will Leave Them at Victoria West.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Cape Town. CAPE Town, Dec. 23 - The branches of the Standard Bank at Ceres and Laingsburg, which were closed in consequence of anticipated trouble with the Dutch colonists there, have been reopened.

The mail train leaving to-night on the Kimberley line will not carry passengers beyond Victoria West, which is 228 miles south of Kimberley.

SNIPING EAST OF PRETORIA. Gen. Paget's Force Is Engaged With the Enem; Near Rhenoster Kop.

From THE SUN'S Correspondent at Pretoria. PRETORIA. Dec. 22.-The Boers are displaying considerable activity near Rheno ster Kop, east of here. Pagot's force is constantly in contact with them and sniping s general. The country in the neighborhood of Pretoria is quiet, but the greatest vigilance is exercised by the British. Only a limited number of roads are open.

Condemns the Typographical Union's Attacks

"Sun's" Wages High as Any. The Central Labor Union met yesterday at Central Hall, 147 West Thirty-second street, and after discussing the attitude of

some of the labor unions toward THE SUN adopted the following preamble and reso-"Whereas, The American Federation of Labor and its branches, more particularly Pypographical Union No. 6, have been for

the last year endeavoring to use all branches of honorable toll to enable them to carry out a vindiative spleen on the management of the paper known as the NEW YORK SUN "Whereas, Upon investigation and examina-

tion of books and payrolls of the New York SUN we find that all the employees have union wages and in some cases more than union "Whereas, These parties were successful in

their begging efforts in receiving the inforsement of the State Congress of the Knights of Labor at a meeting - eld in Albany, "Resolved, That we call upon all branches of honorable toil to refute such action at the State Knights of Labor Congress in Albany on Jan. 8, 1901, and that the State Congress be requested to nullify its reso-

"Resolved, Further that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Knights of Labor Congress when it meets in Albany on Jan. 8 next." The preamble and resolutions were sub-

ution as an act of justice to all concerned;

Central Labor Union, who was acting chairman, and were carried unenimously. MAYOR'S SALARY GOES TO THE POOR. To Keep the Needy Warm in Winter and Cold in

Summer Is Hurley's Plan. SALEM, Mass., Dec. 23.-Mayor-elect John F. Hurley of this city, pawnbroker and real state dealer, has planned to give his salary of \$2.500 a year, which he is to receive beginning Jan. 1, for administering the affairs of the witch city, to the poor. He will not hand over the money to a charitable institution but will disburse the amount himself as fast as he earns it. His plan is to keep the poor warm during the winter months and he will send coal and wood to their homes. During the summer months he will keep these same deserving people cold by excursions to nearby sea resorts, affording thus to many a tenement dweller a pleasure that is ordinarily beyond their reach because of its cost.

TWO SKATERS DROWNED.

One Got Out After Ice Gave Way, but Lost His Life in Trying to Save His Companion. SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., Dec. 23 -While a party of young people were skating on the Susquehanna River last night four miles north of Susquehanna the ice broke. Miss Ida McKune of State Line, aged 22, and Arthur Munson of Lanesboro, aged 20, went into the water. Miss McKune disappeared, but Munson suc-

ceeded in reaching the shore. He hurried to a

ing with the rescuing party a few minutes later he went through the ice a second time and was drowned. The bodies have been recovered. Mr. Munson was employed in the Erie Railroad shops at Susquehanna. Miss McKune

River Railroad Company at State Line. THE CLUB DROPS 100 MEMBERS.

All Delinquents Who Weren't Getting Any thing for Their Original \$100 Investment.

At the last meeting of the Board of Governors of the Democratic Club it was voted unanimously to drop the names of over one hundred members from the rolls for nonpayment of dues and other charges. The men who were dropped joined the club within a few months after Jan 1, 1898, when the word went forth that all who expected favor at the hands of Richard Croker must become members of his club. These men each paid \$100 initiation fee, and each was expected to pay \$50 dues each year. After all the offices were distributed, these men, not having received any, decided that they didn't care to pay their dues.

MOLINEUX'S CHANCE OF A NEW TRIAL Believed in the District Attorney's Office to

Be a Good One. It came out yesterday after the confer-ences of District Attorney Gardiner's staff that it is generally expected in the office that the Court of Appeals will give a new trial to Roland B. Molineux, convicted of the murder of Katherine J. Adams.

MARIE DRESSLER OUT A NEW GOWN. Burned Up While Being Sponged With Benzine -Tailor's Hands Scorched.

Frank Hayden of the women's tailoring firm of Hayden & Rowley at 163 West Twentythird street was badly burned about the hands and face and had his hair singed yesterday morning by an explosion in his shop. He was sponging with benzine the bottom of a costume to be worn by Marie Dressler in the opening performance of "Miss Prinnt" in the opening performance of Miss Prinnt at the Victoria on Tuesday night when there was an explosion, and the dress caught fire. The flames spread over his hands and face and the explosion knocked the plaster from the celling next door. The engines put out the fire after it had done \$1,000 damage. Hayden had his burns dressed by an ambulance surgeon Miss Dressler's costume he said was worth \$500. He will have to get another ready by Tuesday night.

RAILROAD WRECK IN TEXAS.

western Trains in Collision. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 23.-Texas and Pacific and St. Louis and Southwestern passenger trains collided at the crossing of the two

roads, nine miles west of Texarkana to-day Fireman Edward Cotterson was killed and Engineer James Hubbardl fatally injured. The mail and express cars were demolished. The tracks are blocked and traffic will not open on both lines before to-morrow.

The riding masters in Durland's Academy, Fifty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, who struck on Saturday against wearing a uniform, said yesterday that they would stay

out until the injunction compelling them to wear it was withdrawn The new costo wear it was withdrawn. The new costume consists of a coat and waistcoat of fine black Meiton, checked whipcord trousers and a square crowned hat. The riding masters' chiefly objected to the square crowned hats which they say are the kind worn by hostlers and grooms. Mr. Durland says the costume is what English gentiemen riders usually wear, and moreover it was not desirable to the management to have the instructors mistaken by the patrons for fashionable acquaintances whose names they might have forgotten.

Did He Push Maggie Floria Into a Bonfire?

Joseph Bunsby, 9 years old, of 520 Henderson street, Jersey City, was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of manslaughter in causing the death of Maggie Floria, 5 years old, of 524 Henderson street. The police say that the boy pushed the girl into a bonfire on Saturday afternoon. Her clothes ignited and she was terribly burned, she died in St. Francis Hospital late that night.

If you are troubled with insomnia see if Ballantine's Endia Pale Ale doesn't bring refreshing eleep.—Ads.

QUIGG'S NAME UP AGAIN.

GIBBS AND TEN RYCK WANT HIM TO HEAD COUNTY COMMITTEE.

Platt Says There's No Hurry and Is Said to Be Thinking About It - Protests That Quigg's Re-election Would Cause a Schiam - Charles

H. Treat Suggested - May Be a Draft. Senator Platt's time was much taken up resterday considering a President of the New York Republican County Committee. Some of Mr. Platt's advisers declared that this matter must be settled before the County Committee meets on Thursday evening. Senator Platt himself seemed to think thas there was no great hurry and that James W. Perry, appointed for the time being to preside over the deliberations of the com-

nittee, could hold his end up a while. It was ascertained that the gentlemen who wanted a quick selection made were the Hon. Frederick S. Gibbs, National Committeeman for the State; the Hon. William H. Ten Eyck, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the County Committee, and one or two others who advised Senator Platt that the Hon. Lemuel Ely Quigg, former President of the Committee (the immediate predecessor of Gen. Greene) should be reelected to his old place. Senator Platt at first did not agree with the suggestion, but later on it was demitted by Robert Kopp, Treasurer of the

with the suggestion, but later on it was declared that he is thinking about it. Others who said they were in the confidence of Mr. Platt reported that he believed it would be poor politics to reclect Mr. Quigg.

However that may be, Mr. Quigg's friends have spoken up for him. John Reisenweber and others told of their loyalty to Mr. Quigg and it was pointed out that Mr. Quigg had done valiant service at Washington in securing Federal patronage for the Republican district leaders. On the other hand, this patronage could not have been obtained without the indorsement of Mr. Platt.

While Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Ten Eyck have spoken up for Mr. Quigg, other Republican leaders have protested to Mr. Platt and declared that the reelection of Mr. Quigg would create a schism in the party in the county and eventually lead to the organization of an opposing Republican County Committee.

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The Republicans who have thus advised Senator Platt have put forward the name of Charles H. Treat, Internal Revenue Collector. They have told Senator Platt that Mr. Treat would be a fair man, that his name is one to conjure with because he could bring to the support of the committee next year the independent Republicans of the county in the contest for a Mayor and the municipal offices of Greater New York.

Talks with Republican county leaders yesterday elicited the information that Senator Platt controls the committee. Even those opposed to what they said was a "Gibbs-Ten Eyek-Quigg combine" declared unreservedly that Senator Platt could control the committee.

The Sun printed vesterday that Gen.

Ten Eyck-Quigg combine" declared unreservedly that Senator Platt could control the committee.

The Sun printed yesterday that Gen. James M. Varnum and Mr. Ten Eyck had declined the suggestions of Mr. Platt that either one should become President of the County Committee.

"That's all very well," said Senator Platt last night, "but suppose some folks are drafted?"

Mr. Platt said that Mr. Quigg hadn't asked to be reelected.

Important country Republicans who are intimates of Senator Platt and whose advice he seeks, are somewhat nettled over the situation in New York county. One of the most influential of these gentlemen said: "We Republicans up the State play politics every day in the year. Down here, from what I can learn, the Republican leaders in New York county play polities for delegates to country, city, State and national conventions with little or no regard to the vote at the polis on election day. I believe this state of affairs is to be changed. It certainly will be changed if I have anything to say. There is no disposition to quarrel or to make trouble, but, in my opinion, personal interests should not be made so predominant." farmhouse near by for help, and while workwas employed by the Delaware and Hudson

VOTED FOR A DEAD MAN.

Republicans Cast a Majority of Votes for Him. but Was the Populist Elected?

Topeka, Kan. Dec. 23 -Attorney-General Goddard is considering a question of law entirely new in Kansas and probably in the nation. At the recent election in Osborne county Alvin Williams was the Republican nominee for County Commissioner. He died a little after noon on election day and this fact soon became known at the polls. The Republicans were greatly perplexed for a time, but finally decided to keep right on voting for Mr. Williams and defeated his

opponent by a majority of fifty-two. This is probably the only instance in the United States where men knowingly voted for a dead man, in order to defeat a Populist Now it transpires that Williams was not elected as he died before the ballots were counted The question for Attorney-General Goddard to decide is, was the Populist elected?

NO PAR ON FOR HOWGATE. Sentence Expires on Dec. 29 -Wishes to Spend

Christmas With Daughter. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-Attorney-General Griggs has refused to recommend favorable action by the President of a petition of a number of Washington business men for number of Washington business men for the pardon of Henry W. Howgate, formerly Captain and Disbursing Officer of the Signal Corps of the United States Army, whose sentence of imprisonnent for embezzling public funds will expire Dec 29. The petition asked that a pardon be granted immediately so that Howgate might be released in time to spend Christmas with his daughter in Washington. Howgate is confined in the penitentiary at Auburn, N. Y. He was convicted and sentenced in 1885.

COALING FOR A LONG VOYAGE. fanila Fleet at Norfolk to Sail This Week -No

Anxiety Over the Tugs. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 23.—The fleet gathered preparatory to sailing for Manila or China will not get away before the middle of this week. Slight repairs required aboard some of the vessels have not been completed at the Norfolk Navy Yard and all of the vessels have not yet finished coaling for the voyage, Seamen who expressed a fear that the tugs Wompatuck and Pisquataqua of the feet, which are only about one hundred and fifty feet long, might go down in a storm were told by officers aboard that they did not fear the voyage and would probably meet no heavy weather after leaving Bermuda.

OPERATION ON AN ARMOUR CHILD. Lolita Is Four Years Old and Has Never Walked -To Wear a Plaster Cast.

muda.

CHICAGO, Dec 28 .- Another effort will be made to secure health and strength for the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ogden Armour on Christmas Day. So frail a little creature was Lolita that the first few months of her life were spent in a glass and rosewood incubator In her entire four years she never has walked, but has hobbled about the house or ridden in a rolling chair An anaesthetic will be given to the little sufferer and her delicate little limbs will be forced back into perfect articulation. They will be held in place by a heavy plaster cast, which will be worn for six months

SAUERKRAUT FOR SOLDIERS. 20,000 Gallons to Be Sent to the Troops in the Philippines.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 23.—Sauerkraut is to be idded to the bill of fare of the United States soldiers now on duty in the Philippines. soldiers now on duty in the Philippines.
Bids will be received by Major W. L. Alexander, purchasing commissary officer of the
Department of the Lakes, on Dec. 29, for supplying Uncle Sam's troops stationed in and
about Manila with 20,000 gallons of sauerkraut,
and it will be shipped from Chicago early in
January With it there will be sent 150,000 twopound cans of roast beef, 60,043 pounds of
bacon and 62,500 pounds of bam.

No detail for the safety and convenience of travellers is overlooked in Pennsylvania Hallroad trains.—Ada.